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## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masatoshi NAKATSU et al. Group Art Unit: 3611

Application No.: 10/619,080 Examiner: D. Depumpo

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For: VEHICLE STEERING APPARATUS

## RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 22, 2004 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species I, Figs. 1-8. Applicants submit that claims 1-7, 10-12, 17 and 18 read on elected Species I. It is submitted at least claims 1-7, 10-12, 17 and 18 are generic to all species. This election is made with traverse. Also, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification; and

Remarks.